

RAMSEY IS BEATEN, DECLARES GOULD

Magnate Says He Has Secured Necessary Proxies.

HAS BEEN BATTLE ROYAL

Climax of Fight Between Railroad Giants Will Come Next Tuesday at Toledo.

NEW YORK, Oct. 7.—That he regards as absolutely certain the realization of his great dream of a railway system extending from the Atlantic to the Pacific is believed to have the significance in the remarks of George J. Gould when he said:

"I have all the proxies necessary, and Joseph Ramsey, Jr., is beaten." Ramsey has been president of Gould's Wabash system, and for years Mr. Gould has been trying to procure controlling links which complete his vast plan. When he got the Western Maryland it was thought he achieved his purpose.

When Rupture Came.

The real rupture in the scheme came when Ramsey, regarded as the most deeply entrenched man in Gould's confidence, broke with Mr. Gould about a year ago, and, it is said, became associated with other great financial interests which were fighting the Goulds.

The annual meeting of the Wabash takes place next Tuesday in Toledo, and there and then will be the climax of the Gould-Ramsey fight. The Goulds assert that they controlled 40 per cent of the stock of the Wabash railroad, and, therefore, it was necessary for them to obtain an additional 11 per cent. This statement, however, has been disputed by Ramsey and his adherents, who claim that the Goulds control not more than 12 per cent of the stock.

Face to Face Meeting.

Mr. Gould's friends say he holds no bitter feelings toward Mr. Ramsey, and is only making warfare to maintain his position in Wall Street and to keep his property intact. Mr. Gould will go to Toledo and will there meet, face to face, Mr. Ramsey, when the fight will be carried to its finality.

The statement that he had beaten Mr. Ramsey was made by Mr. Gould to Edward T. Jeffrey, president of the Denver and Rio Grande railway, and Winslow S. Pierce, Mr. Gould's legal adviser.

Says Gould Cliche

Is Moral Debaucher

ST. LOUIS, Oct. 7.—Colonel Wells H. Blodgett, third vice president and general solicitor for the Wabash, argued yesterday against the granting of the Ramsey injunction. He said that Mr. Ramsey did not profess to be damaged as a stockholder by the voting of stock owned by other railroads, his only plea being that such voting tended to stifle competition.

Fred W. Lehmann, of counsel for Mr. Ramsey, in his argument denounced the Gould railway system as being "among the public service corporations which have debauched the public morals in America."

C. N. Travers, representing the Wabash, read the road's answer to the petition for injunction. He asserted that neither the Missouri Pacific nor the Iron Mountain in any manner controls the affairs of the Wabash. He emphasized his allegations by stating that the Missouri Pacific are not competing lines, except for through traffic between St. Louis and Kansas City.

R. B. MERCHANT DROPS TO FLOOR AND DIES

Disbursing Officer of Postoffice Victim of Asthma and Heart Trouble. Noted Virginian.

Rufus Bainbridge Merchant, disbursing officer of the Postoffice Department, died suddenly last night of asthma and heart trouble.

As Mr. Merchant was about to retire at 10:30 o'clock in his rooms at 1406 S street northwest, he fell to the floor. He called his landlady, Miss Odell, and told her he was dying. She summoned Dr. John C. Simpson, but Mr. Merchant was dead before the physician arrived.

Death Great Surprise.

Mr. Merchant's death was a great surprise to his friends, because he had been in good health lately, and was at his office yesterday, seeming unusually cheerful and strong.

The dead man was in his sixty-eighth year. He was a well known Confederate veteran, and was a prominent newspaper man in Virginia, having been proprietor and editor of the Fredericksburg Star.

He was born in Prince George county, Va., and in his youth learned the printer's trade. He worked in Washington and Philadelphia as a printer until the outbreak of the civil war.

Confederate Scout.

He then served as a scout for the Army of Northern Virginia.

He is survived by his widow and two sons. Mrs. Merchant, who lives in Richmond, is expected here this afternoon. The body will probably be taken to Fredericksburg later today for interment tomorrow.

Mr. Merchant entered the Postoffice Department as disbursing officer in 1895.

OLD FOLKS CONCERT BY TWO CHURCH CHOIRS

The combined choirs of Ryland and Anacostia Methodist Episcopal Churches gave an old folks concert in the chapel of the former last evening before a large audience.

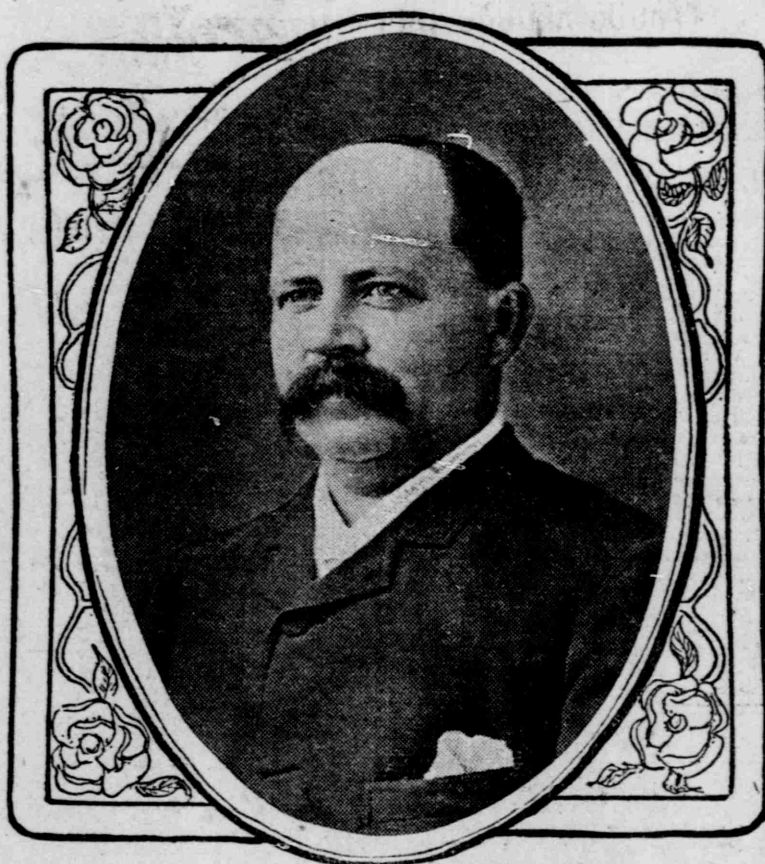
The singers were in charge of Daniel Smithson, director of the Anacostia choir, and were attired in colonial costumes. Many were the old songs rendered, among them "Alice Ben Bolt" and "Reuben and Cynthia." The singers were designated on the program by quaint old names.

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BUSINESS MAN WHO DIED THURSDAY AND WAS CREMATED TODAY



ISAAC N. RICHARDSON,
Passed Away Very Suddenly as the Result of an Attack of Paralysis.

CREMATED REMAINS OF I. N. RICHARDSON

Spiritualists Held Last Services Over Body of Dead Merchant This Afternoon—Was in Good Health Early in Day of Death.

The funeral of Isaac N. Richardson, one of Washington's best known business men, was held this afternoon from his late home, 1511 S street northwest.

At the conclusion of the services, which were under the auspices of the Spiritualists' Church, the body was taken to Lee's undertaking establishment and cremated.

Mr. Richardson died suddenly Thursday afternoon. He had a stroke of paralysis in a cigar store on Fourteenth street, while on his way home and died in his home an hour later.

Although Mr. Richardson had suffered from three previous paralytic strokes, on the day of his death he was in apparently good health.

FOR WANT OF CANTEEN, MEN PATRONIZE DIVES

Enlisted Man Says Soldiers Will Have Drinks—Better to Go to Respectable Government Room Than Brothel Outside.

To the Editor of The Washington Times: Having served for a number of years in the army as an enlisted man, and coming in contact with every class of soldiers, I feel that I can write with intelligence on the "army canteen."

The army canteen never sold strong drinks, such as whisky or brandy. It is owned and operated by the soldiers, and for the soldiers, under the supervision of the post commanding officer.

The same discipline is maintained in the canteen as in the squad room. Gambling, rowdiness and like evils are not tolerated. Everything is orderly, clean and well conducted.

Soldiers serving in posts have a great deal of leisure. Libraries, recreation rooms and schools are established for their benefit, and everything possible is done by the army officials to make the soldier's life pleasant and profitable.

A large per cent of the soldiers enjoy an occasional glass of beer or other refreshments. So the idea was conceived years ago of the soldiers conducting their own store or club, and the profits derived therefrom going to the general mess fund, to buy fruits and luxuries not issued by the Government.

Were Clean Clubs.

These stores or clubs were called canteens. A committee of soldiers decide what is to be sold. Some of these canteens sell groceries, notions, and everything that a soldier is liable to want. One room is always set aside for a club room, where a soldier can go (or could go before the anti-canteen law was passed), after the morning drills or evening parade, and get a cool glass of beer served in a clean glass on a clean table by a decent man in a respectable place, where treating is not allowed, and be among gentlemanly soldiers.

Under the new order of things we have to go just outside of the reservation to get our beer, where there are brothels, conducted by despicable curs, who keep gangs around them, to prey upon the weak-minded, induce them to drink or gamble, or get their money by any means.

These places are filthy—so vile, in fact, that the very soldiers who patronize them at first buy their beer by the bottle and carry it away.

Resorts Ruin Soldiers.

Once a soldier is under the influence of liquor or drug, under their roof, it is simply another case of what might have been a good soldier—gone the ways of the foolish. In the end he will either be dishonorably discharged or will desert. Very rarely does a soldier recover from one of these debauches, while he remains around such environments.

I know the wants of the majority of soldiers. They want beer. They are going to have it. Where are they going to drink it? In the canteen, buy a bottle and hike for the woods, or go to these brothels? Remember that when we go to buy the bottle, we go in fire to get it. If we get out, all right; if we don't—just recruit another to follow in our footsteps.

Now about people who support the anti-canteen bill. The proprietors and hangers-on of these dives are its chief advocates. It wrings my heart with pain to know that hundreds of good people, misinformed, give them such loyal support.

For myself, I will say that I am going to have my beer. Where will I drink it? Well, if the present law stays in force, it's a bottle and to the woods with me.

AN OLD SOLDIER.

CHARLESTON SELECTED FOR WINTER NAVAL BASE

Charleston, S. C., is to be given a chance to benefit by the assembling of a squadron of warships there for the winter. For many years Pensacola and Key West have been made the base for winter quarters of the coast defense squadron. This winter Rear Admiral F. W. Dickins, U. S. N., has recommended that Charleston be selected as headquarters.

The first-class battleship Texas, the monitors Florida, Nevada, and Arkansas, and six torpedo boats will assemble there for the winter evolutions.

EXCURSIONS.

Tomorrow (Sunday) afternoon at 2:30 o'clock the steamer Charles Macalester will make another of those delightful forty-mile sails down the Potomac and return, thus giving those who go a continuous river ride of eighty miles without making a stop. The steamer returning will reach home about 7:30 p. m. Meals a la carte will be served in the dining room during the entire trip. Lunches and refreshments can also be had.

A visit to the National Capital is never complete without making a pilgrimage to Mt. Vernon, the home and tomb of Washington. A pleasant and historic route is by the steel steamer Charles Macalester, which leaves Seventh street wharf daily, except Sunday, at 10 a. m. and 2:30 p. m., returning, due to arrive at Washington at 2:15 and 6:15 p. m. This route offers the quick service of only one hour's running time in either direction and an opportunity to see the United States Arsenal, Alexandria, Fort Fowkes, the coast defense squadron, and many other points of interest along the shores of Maryland and Virginia.

SCHOOL BOARD AWAITS MRS. COOPER'S BRIEF

As predicted by The Times yesterday, the Board of Education completed its investigation into the M Street High School affair and adjourned to meet again October 16.

Mrs. A. J. Cooper, principal of the school, will submit her brief at the next meeting, when it is expected a decision will be announced. A resolution in her behalf, signed by nearly 500 pupils of the M Street School, was submitted to the board.

Prior to the taking of testimony, Misses Julia McAdoo and Mabel Ruby and Nathaniel Guy were appointed teachers, and the resignations of Misses Louis A. Pebbles and Edith Gottswall were accepted.

C. H. L. S. OPENS SEASON.

The first meeting of the season of the Capitol Hill Literary Society will be at 406 H street northeast Monday evening.

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Special
Features
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Tomorrow

A Silent Battle for Life Against the Dreaded Mafia

How Father Antonio Cerutti, a gentle old priest, has been marked for death by the Italian Society because he has shielded his congregation from its vengeance.

FEATURES

Where Carnegie Will Hear a Latin Prayer "Booed"

Queer demonstration which is to take place at the installation of the Laird of Skibo as rector of St. Andrew's University.

A Woman Whose Business Is Capturing Deserters

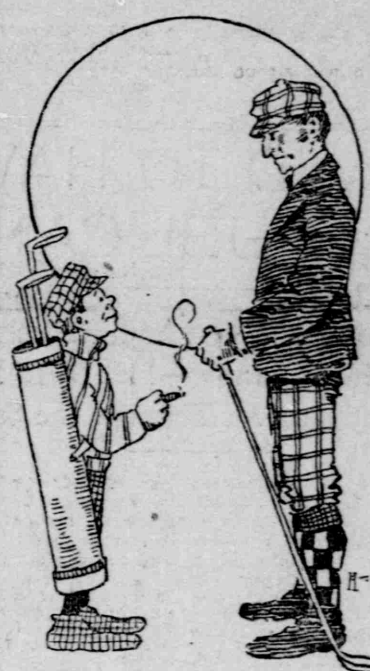
How Edith King has established herself as a female detective, giving her exclusive attention to the men who have run away from Uncle Sam's army and navy, and how she traps the erring boys in blue.

The Art of Making Love As Practiced in Many Lands

An interesting description of the lovers' code of etiquette the world over, and some anecdotes of Dan Cupid's victims.

Did You Write This?

"YES, SIR; THAT'S
THE LAST HOLE."



The above drawing illustrates one of the eight prize-winning stories that will appear in tomorrow's Sunday Times.

FEATURES

A Four Days' Arctic Cruise On the Carcass of a Whale

Thrilling experiences of a Seattle sea captain which read like a wild romance, but are, nevertheless, supported by reliable affidavits.

The Making of a Successful Husband—By Caspar S. Yost

Third of a series of letters of advice from a father to his son. He discusses the question of "boarding or 'keeping house'" and tells the young man that two in a flat beat any number of pairs in a boarding house.

Washington Less Considerate of Its Dumb Animals Than European Cities

Mr. C. A. Snow, president of the Washington Humane Society, tells the Sunday Times' readers the result of a careful comparison that he made during a trip abroad, from which he has just returned.

"The Count and the Wedding Guest," By O. Henry

Being the Love Story of the Little Lady in Black and Andy Donovan—with "Big Tim" Sullivan in the Background.



Mr. Donovan gazed long and with much interest at the photograph in the locket that Miss Conway opened for him.